To the Miniſters and Church-wardens of

A Copie of his Maieſties Letters directed to the moſt *Reuerend Father in God, the Lord Archbiſhop of Cant. of the tenoure that enſueth.*

MOſt Reuerend Father in God, Right truſtie and right wel-beloued Counſellor, Wee greet you well. The Inhabitants of our Towne and Mannour of *Eaſt-Greenwich* in our Countie of *Kent*, haue made knowne vnto Vs by their humble Petition, that their Parish Church and Steeple is growne into ſuch ruine and decay, as the charge of repayring it will amount to the ſumme of one thouſand pounds. And becauſe they are very poore and vtterly vnable to compaſſe ſo great a worke of themſelues, though they haue already giuen teſtimonie of their willingneſſe, in offering the ſum of three hundreth pounds toward it: Foraſmuch as the Worke is pious and the Towne a place of marke, in regard of our Manſion Houſe and often reſiding there: We haue beene pleaſed to vouchſafe Our Princely furtherance to ſo religious and charitable a buſineſſe, nothing doubting but that you likewiſe will giue it all poſſible aſſiſtance, both by your owne example and by encouraging the zeale and deuotion of Our louing Subiects thereunto, eſpecially of thoſe of the Clergie. Wherefore Wee doe by theſe our ſpeciall Letters require and authoriſe you, to giue order to the Biſhops of the ſeuerall Dioceſſes throughout the Prouince of *Canterbury*, that they forthwith cauſe the Miniſters and other zealous perſons of their Dioceſſes, both by their owne example in contributing, and by exhortation to others, to moue Our people within their ſeuerall charges, to contribute to ſo good a worke, in as liberall manner as they may; and the mony collected to ſend to the Biſhops of the Dioceſſes, to bee by them deliuered ouer to you, or to ſuch as you ſhall appoint, to whom the Inhabitants or Church-wardens of that Towne of *Eaſt-Greenwich* may repayre for it. And theſe Our Letters ſhall bee your ſufficient warrant and diſcharge in this behalfe. Giuen vnder Our Signet at Our Court at *Newmarket*, the 13. day of December, in the fifteenth yeere of Our Raigne of Great *Britaine*, and of *Scotland* the fiftieth.

To the right Reuerend Father in God, my very good Lord and Brother, the Lord Biſhop of Norwich.

NOw becauſe it is a worke of pietie to repayre and vphold the Houſes of God, and it were a diſgrace to the Truth of Religion, that what hath beene founded in the dayes of our Predeceſſors, ſhould not be vpheld in the time wherein the Goſpell of Chriſt doth ſo cleerly and brightly ſhine, I pray your Lordſhip to giue the beſt furtherance you may vnto this worke, not only by permitting, but alſo by exciting men within the Dioceſſe, to extend their deuotion in this behalfe. Whereof not doubting, I leaue you to the Almighty. From *Lambith* the 13. of Ianuary. 1617.

Your Lordſhips louing Brother,

G. CANT.

LEt my Brethren of the Clergie, and the Churchwardens, vſe their beſt expedition and readneſſe for the publiſhing and ſpeeding of his Maieſties Letters aforeſaid, and to returne this Briefe, with the money collected, to the Officiall of your Archdeconrie in whoſe Iuriſdiction you dwell, or to his Regiſter, that by the ſaid Officiall or Regiſters the ſame may be returned to me, or to my Chancellor, to be ſent vnto me ſpeedily. This 20. of October, 1618.

Io. Norwich.